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1. ON 7 OCTOBER 1988 [REDACTED] DISCUSSED [REDACTED] CASE IN DETAIL WITH [REDACTED] WE HAVE AGREED THAT BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS FOR [REDACTED] TO ACCOMPANY [REDACTED] TO NEXT MEETING WITH P/1 IN VALLETTA TO DISCUSS MEDICAL OPTIONS DIRECTLY WITH P/1. THEREBY DEMONSTRATING [REDACTED] SERIOUS INTENT. REQUEST [REDACTED] ARRANGE SAFEHOUSE MEETING WITH P/1 FOR EVENING OF 5 NOVEMBER.

2. BASED ON [REDACTED] FOUR HOUR MEETING WITH P/1, THERE IS LITTLE REMAINING DOUBT THAT HE WAS AND REMAINS AFFILIATED WITH THE ESO AND ITS IMPORTANT [REDACTED] SUPPORT MECHANISM. SPECIFICS ON P/1'S PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND [REDACTED] ASSESSMENTS OF HIS MOTIVATION AND POTENTIAL AS A [REDACTED] PENETRATION WILL FOLLOW SEPARATELY. IN SHORT, P/1 IS STRATEGICALLY PLACED IN THE VALLETTA [REDACTED] WHICH HE HIMSELF DESCRIBES AS "A PRIMARY LAUNCHING POINT" FOR LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE AND TERRORIST TEAMS ENROUTE TO/FROM EUROPE. AT OUR REQUEST HE IS WILLING TO POSTPONE HIS PERSONAL AMBITIONS OF SEVERING HIS OFFICIAL POSITION WITH [REDACTED] ESO IN FAVOR OF OPENING A SMALL COMMERCIAL VENTURE ON MALTA. WHILE HE WILL WORK FOR US IN PLACE IN VALLETTA, HE IS ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO ANY LONG TERM RELOCATION TO TRIPOLI AND WILL GO TO ANY LENGTHS TO AVOID RETURNING THERE WHEN HIS INEVITABLE RECALL OCCURS. HIS FIRST AND PRIMARY REQUEST OF [REDACTED] IS TO ENABLE HIM TO DEFLECT AN EVENTUAL REASSIGNMENT TO LIBYA ON MEDICAL GROUNDS. HE WOULD HOLD HIS "SCAR" AND ACCOMPANYING MEDICAL HISTORY IN RESERVE AS A FORM OF "SAFETY NET". SHOULD HE BE REASSIGNED TO ANOTHER OVERSEAS [REDACTED] POST SUCH AS ATHENS OR ISTANBUL HE

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WOULD NOT SURFACE HIS EXCLUSIONARY MEDICAL PROBLEM AND WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT TO US IN PLACE. IF ORDERS ARRIVE FOR HIS PCS RETURN TO LIBYA, HOWEVER, HE IS CONVINCED HE NEEDS VISUAL AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF A PERSISTENT PROBLEM THAT PRECLUDES HIM FROM PHYSICAL OR MENTAL STRESS AND REQUIRES REGULAR FOLLOW UP CONSULTATION WITH EUROPE-BASED MEDICAL SPECIALISTS.

3. [] INITIAL REACTIONS ARE POSITIVE AND HE BELIEVES WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE ESSENCE OF P/1'S REQUIREMENTS WITH MEDICAL EVIDENCE THAT CAN NOT BE EASILY DISPUTED OR DISPROVED BY ROUTINE MEDICAL EXAMINATION IN TRIPOLI. TENTATIVELY THINKING OF AN OSTENSIBLE LOWER BACK AILMENT, SUCH AS RUPTURED DISC. P/1 WILL NEED TO BE CAREFULLY COACHED ON NORMAL SYMPTOMS OF THE SELECTED COMPLAINT AND WE WILL DISCUSS P/1'S INSISTENCE ON COSMETIC SURGERY TO SUPPORT HIS STORY OF EXTENSIVE TREATMENT. [] AND [] TENTATIVELY PLAN TO ARRIVE VALLETTA ON AFTERNOON LUFTHANSA FLIGHT 5 NOVEMBER, HOLD MEETINGS THAT EVENING WITH P/1 AND PLAN ON RETURN TO [] AFTERNOON OF THE FOLLOWING DAY. DEPENDING ON OUTCOME OF THE MEETING, THE TWO WOULD BE PREPARED TO RETURN IN LATE NOVEMBER TO FINALIZE THE MEDICAL HISTORY AND PERFORM ANY MINOR MEDICAL PROCEDURES AGREED UPON. P/1 IS CERTAIN TO APPRECIATE THIS EVIDENCE OF OUR RESPONSIVENESS TO HIS MEDICAL DEMANDS AND [] EXPECTS THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FORMALIZE TERMS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP AND INITIATE EXTENSIVE DEBRIEFINGS DURING THE LATTER HALF OF THE 5 NOVEMBER MEETING.

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